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Mr. Jerry Halperin, MPO Coordinator
Office of LPA/MPO and Grant Administration
Indiana Department of Transportation
100 North Senate Ave, Room N955
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

**RE: NW Indiana FFY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program:
Amendment #17 (Emergency)**

Dear Mr. Halperin:


We herewith amend Northwest Indiana's FFY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by adding the attached list of six (6) projects. One project is an INDOT construction project—all others are local CMAQ projects.

Consistent with our adopted TIP amendment procedures, we have approved the addition of these projects to our TIP with no further action by the Commission. We have found that any delay in taking this action would adversely affect public well-being or safety or result in the loss of federal funds.

The projects do not involve the construction of new roadways or the addition of travel lanes and appear to be exempt project types covered by 40 CFR Part 93.126d. We are simultaneously transmitting this amendment to the Intergovernmental Consultation Group (ICG) for review.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact either Gary Evers or myself at your earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,



John A. Swanson
Executive Director

C: FHWA: Joyce Newland; **FTA:** Reginald Arkell; **INDOT:** Marcla Blansett, Lisa Shrader, Larry Buckel; **INTERNAL:** Bill Brown, Gary Evers, Steve Strains, Belinda Petroskey; **OTHER:** ICG Members (via e-mail)

Transportation Improvement Program for Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties, Indiana for 2012-2015

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INDOT Construction Projects

TIP Action: Add New Projects or Project Phases										
DES	Applicant	Project Name	Phase	Year	Total Cost	FHWA Funds	Total Non-Federal Funds	Air Quality Conformity Document Reference		In ADA Plan?
								Status	Table	
0200384	INDOT	SR 152: Bridge Lighting (New). Over CSX and IHB Railroad, 3.48 km N of I-80/94. State STP	CN	2013	\$ 129,000	\$ 103,200	\$ 25,800	Exempt	Table 1, #18	n/a

Miscellaneous Local Projects

TIP Action: Add New Projects or Project Phases										
DES	Applicant	Project Name	Phase	Year	Total Cost	FHWA Funds	Total Non-Federal Funds	Air Quality Conformity Document Reference		In ADA Plan?
								Status	Table	
1297706	LaPorte	CMAQ Alternative Fuel Purchase (E-85). LaPorte County CMAQ.	PE	2013	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ -	Exempt		n/a
1297707	LaPorte County	CMAQ Alternative Fuel Purchase (E-85). LaPorte County CMAQ.	PE	2013	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000	\$ -	Exempt		n/a
1297708	Crown Point	Purchase, Install 24 Bicycle Racks. Lake-Porter County CMAQ.	PE	2013	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	Exempt	Table 2, #33	n/a
1297709	Hobart	Purchase, Install Six (6) Bicycle Racks. Porter County CMAQ.	PE	2013	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ -	Exempt	Table 2, #33	n/a

Local Public Transit Projects

TIP Action: Add New Projects or Project Phases										
DES	Applicant	Project Name	Phase	Year	Total Cost	FHWA Funds	Total Non-Federal Funds	Air Quality Conformity Document Reference		In ADA Plan?
								Status	Table	
1297637	NIRPC/North Twp.	Three-year transit demonstration project. (Lake-Porter CMAQ)	CN	2013 2014 2015	\$ 1,920,000	\$ 1,920,000	\$ -	Exempt	Table 2, #21	n/a

NIRPC's Regional Significance policy and standards are published at <http://www.nirpc.org/home/ProjectSelection/RegionalSignificanceGuidance.pdf>.